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IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUESTS IN REFTEL FOLLOWING IS
PROVIDED:

A. MARITIME STUDY: FYI: WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO
PROVIDE A BRIEF DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE DETERRENT
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CONTRIBUTION OF MARITIME NUCLEAR FORCE IN THE NATO
CONTEXT EITHER SHORTLY PRIOR OR AT THE NEXT MEETING. IT
IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT IT WILL BE AVAILABLE BY
20 JUNE. END FYI.

B. HIGH LEVEL GROUP: CHAIRMAN HAS INFORMED SYG
THAT WE EXPECT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HLG IN SEPT-

OCT. WE ALSO INTEND TO CIRCULATE A PAPER FOR DISCUSSION ABOUT THE END OF JULY, IN ORDER TO PERMIT AN EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL COMMENTS.

C. DUAL CAPABLE LANCE: US WILL PROCURE SOME CONVENTIONAL LANCE MISSILES WITH THE INTENTION TO DEPLOY SOME WITH US FORCES IN EUROPE. THERE IS NO CURRENT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE LANCE CEP. SOME EFFORT

IS UNDERWAY TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONVENTIONAL WARHEAD.

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